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Tundra to Trees - Hike an ancient Ute trail that leads from alpine heights down through old-growth forest. Plan to carpool for this moderate 4 mile hike. Bring warm clothing, rain gear, water, and snacks. Starts 7/18		4 hour hike	Milner Pass parking area		9 a.m.			9 a.m.		9 a.m.
High Country Geology - The park's spectacular scenery represents a chapter in a long history of geologic events. Join us on this hike over the tundra and experience the effects of these processes. 7/13-8/17			Alpine Visitor Center flagpole				9 a.m.			
Tundra Nature Walk - Exhilarate your senses with alpine views and miniature wildflower gardens. Dress warmly, plan to caravan to the location. Ends 8/13		1.5-2 hour hike	Alpine Visitor Center	10 a.m.						
All About Lightning - Learn why lightning can be a hair-raising experience and find out how to minimize your risk of being struck by lightning.	E	30 minute talk	Alpine Visitor Center	2 p.m.		2 p.m.			2 p.m.	
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Plants Lily Lake Wildflower Walk - Take time to stop										
and smell the roses, and enjoy learning about the variety of flowers blooming this season. Easy walk. Ends 8/13	E	1.5 hour hike	Lily Lake parking lot			10 a.m.	10 a.m.			1:30 p.m.
Children's Programs Junior Ranger Program - Farn your Junior			Pangar	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
Junior Ranger Program - Earn your Junior Ranger badge! Join a ranger for a variety of programs and activities at the Junior Ranger Headquarters. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ends 8/13	E	30 minute program	Junior Ranger Headquarters at Hidden Valley	10:00 11:30 1:00 2:30						
Dead Trees are Full of Life - Who hangs out in dead trees and calls them home? Find out during this 20-minute puppet program. Ends 8/13	E	20-30 minute puppet program		10 a.m.			10 a.m.			
Discovery Day - Discover the amazing world of Rocky Mountain National Park with your family through hands-on activities, crafts, and stories. Each week there is something new to discover. Ends 8/16 Drop-in program; come anytime 9 a.m 1 p.m.	E	Drop-in program	Moraine Park Visitor Center			9 a.m. to 1 p.m.				
Wildlife										
Birds of Upper Beaver Meadows - Join a ranger to seek bluebirds, woodpeckers, wrens, and flycatchers in a rich mixture of aspen and pine woodlands. Bring binoculars and a field guide.		1.5 hour hike	End of Upper Beaver Meadows Road	7 a.m.						
Bighorn Basics - Sheep Lakes in Horseshoe Park is a popular viewing area for bighorn sheep. Learn about this majestic symbol of Rocky. Ends 8/20	E	30 minute talk	Sheep Lakes Information Station	10:30 a.m. 2 p.m.						
Skins and Skulls - Want to pet an elk? Cuddle up to a bear? Are you crazy? That's not safe! Learn to safely feel skins and skulls while hearing about park wildlife.	E	30 minute talk	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center	10:30 a.m.						10:30 a.m.
Amazing Beavers - Beavers drastically change their environment, and they have wonderful adaptations to do so.	E		Sprague Lake Picnic Area		10 a.m.	2:30 p.m.		10 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
All About Elk - Learn about this magnificent animal and its current status in the park.		1-1.5 hour walk	West Alluvial Fan parking lot	2:30 p.m.		2 p.m.		2 p.m.		
Ghost Cats - Seeing a mountain lion is rare. Come learn about the secretive life of lions and other wild cats found in the park. Ends 8/13	E	1 30 minute	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center		10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Little Critters of Rocky - Squirrels, rabbits and bats; find out about the lives of Rocky's smaller animals and the critical roles they play.		talk	Fall River Visitor Center			2 p.m.		2 p.m.		2 p.m.
Cunning Coyotes - Coyotes are intriguing animals and play an important role in the the circle of life. Ends 8/13	E	talk	Visitor Center		2 p.m.		2 p.m.		2 p.m.	
Elk Echoes - Learn about elk adaptations, migration, and mating behavior. Programs are simultaneously held at both locations. Starts 9/1	E	30 minute talk	Moraine Park Visitor Center amphitheater and Sheep Lakes parking lot		6 p.m.					
Free Park Movie See the stunning 23-minute park movie at the Beaver Meadows upon request) and English at Beaver Meadows. English only at Visitor Center from 8:30 a.m2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m5 p.m., Kawuneeche. Features spectacular aerial footage of the rugged										

See the stunning 23-minute park movie at the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.-5 p.m., and at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center during normal business hours. Available in español (translation headsets available

upon request) and English at Beaver Meadows. English only at Kawuneeche. Features spectacular aerial footage of the rugged high country of Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as wildlife and park history.

Walks, Talks, and Hikes	E	Length	All child		t be acco	mpanied TUE	•	lult THU	J FRI	SAT
Dream Lake Hike - Explore the breathtaking glacial landscape and changes brought on by bark beetles on this moderate 2 mile hike. Ends 8/20		2-2.5 hour	Bear Lake parking lot		9 a.m.	9 a.m.		9 a.m.		9 a.m.
Bear Lake Stroll - Enjoy an easy walk around a lovely subalpine lake and learn about the natural and human forces that have shaped this landscape.		1-1.5 hour	Bear Lake parking lot	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	3 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	3 p.m.
Life on the Edge - From elk to pikas, forest trees to tiny alpine flowers, park life comes in all shapes and sizes. Discover how this diversity of life is changing. Ends 8/20		30 minute talk	Moraine Park Visitor Center				2:30 p.m.		2:30 p.m.	
Navigating Rocky with GPS & Maps - Discover how to use a GPS, map, and compass to safely journey into the park. We provide a map/compass/GPS (or bring your own). Family fun! Take the shuttle bus to Hollowell Park. Ends 8/27		2 hour activity	Hollowell Park Shuttle Stop	1:30 p.m.		9:30 a.m.		1:30 p.m.		
Moraine Park Nature Walk - Enjoy a ¾ mile walk through the Moraine Park landscape. Encounter the dynamic forces that created this valley and discover what lives here today.		1 hour walk	Moraine Park Visitor Center	10 a.m	10 a.m.					
Here Come the Beetles! - Pine bark beetles are rapidly transforming our forests. Learn what this means for all species who share the park.	E	20-30 minute talk	Moraine Park Visitor Center		2:30 p.m.			2:30 p.m.		2:30 p.m.
Portraits of the Past - Glimpse into the lives of Moraine Park's once thriving community of pioneers, ranchers, inn keepers, and influential Pulitzer prize winners whose aspirations were as lofty as the surrounding peaks. Ends 8/27		45- 60 minute walk	Moraine Park Visitor Center		1 p.m.	1 p.m.		1 p.m.		
Hot Topics in the Park - Want to hear the very latest news about bear and beetle management challenges in the park? Join us for two short movies and a Ranger to answer questions.	F	30- 45 minute discussion	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center Auditorium	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.
Nature Scene Investigators - Put your detective skills to the test, uncover clues, and learn about the changes that have occurred and are still happening in Upper Beaver Meadows. Ends 8/27		1 -1.5 hour	End of Upper Beaver Meadows Road				1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	3 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Evening Programs June 20 - August	20									
Aspenglen Evening Program - Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. See weekly schedule at a visitor center for program topics. Dress warmly.	F	45 minute talk	Aspenglen Campground amphitheater	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20					9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20
Beaver Meadows Evening Program Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. Through Artist Eyes: Program given by the park's Artist-In-Residence every Wednesday. Science Behind the Scenery: Program given by a different park researcher each Tuesday.	Ł	45 minute talk	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center Auditorium	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m. Science Night	7:30 p.m. Artist Night	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Glacier Basin Evening Program - Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. See weekly schedule at a visitor center for program topics. Dress warmly.	E	45 minute talk	Glacier Basin Campground amphitheater	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20	7:30 p.m.	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20	7:30 p.m.
Moraine Park Evening Program - Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. See weekly schedule at a visitor center for program topics. Dress warmly.	F	45 minute talk	Moraine Park Campground amphitheater	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m.	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20	9 p.m. 6/19-7/16 8:30 p.m. 7/17-8/20
Evening Programs August 21 - 27						F .2.2				
Beaver Meadows Evening Program August 21 - 27	F	talk	BMVC Auditorium Glacier Basin	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m. Science	7:30 p.m. Artist Night		7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Glacier Basin Evening Program August 21 - 27	F	talk	Campground amphitheater	8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.
Moraine Park Evening Program August 21 - 27	E	45 minute talk	Moraine Park Campground amphitheater	8:30 p.m.			7:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Evening Programs August 28 - Sept 5 Beaver Meadows Evening Program August 28 - September 5		45 minute	BMVC Auditorium	7:30 p.m.			7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Night Sky Programs				_	^		Artist Nigh	•	-	_
Astronomy in the Park - Join a park ranger and local astronomers to discover the magic of the night sky. Dress warmly, bring binoculars and a flashlight.		1/2 hour program followed by viewing	End of Upper Beaver Meadows Road	8:30 p.m. 8:15 p.m. 8 p.m. June 24 July 8, 22 August 5, 19 All Astronomy in the Park Programs are on a Friday evening at the times and dates above.						
Stories Behind the Moon & Stars - The night sky comes alive through storytelling and fun activities. Celebrate darkness at Rocky Mountain National Park. Dress warmly, bring binoculars and a flashlight.	E	1-1.5 hour activity	Moraine Park Visitor Center	8:15 p.m. 8 p.m. July 1, 15, 29 August 12 All Stories Behind the Moon & Stars Programs are on a Friday evening at the times and dates above.						e on 5

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Beyond The Falls - Join a ranger for a stroll to Adams Falls and a spectacular view just beyond. One mile round trip. After 8/15 , Fridays only		1.5 hour program	East Inlet Trailhead		6:30 p.m. 6/20 -8/15				10 a.m.	
Hike Through History - Hike along the river to discover what led people to try mining, homesteading, and early dude ranching.		3 hours - 3 miles	Colorado River Trailhead					9:30 a.m.		
Mountain Wildflowers - Lovely montane flowers have amazing modes of adaptation. Caravan to this week's flowers. Ends 8/14		2 hour walk	Kawuneeche Visitor Center flagpole	2 p.m.		2 p.m.			2 p.m.	
Coyote Valley River Walk - Explore the valley ecology and history on this easy walk along the Colorado River. After 8/16, Sundays only	E	1 hour walk	Coyote Valley Trailhead	10:30 a.m.		7 p.m.				
Rocky Mountain Heritage Walk - Learn about Native Americans, miners and valley settlers while revisiting the Old West at an historic guest ranch.	E	1 hour plus time to explore 1 mile walk	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area				2:30 p.m.			2:30 p.m.
A Glimpse of Paradise - This easy 3-mile round trip hike passes Adams Falls and leads to spectacular views of mountains surrounding the meadows of the East Inlet. Ends 8/7		2.5 hour walk	East Inlet Trailhead	9:30 a.m.						
The Long and the Short - Visit a research exclosure to discover a love triangle involving beaver, moose, and Starts 7/2		1.5 hours, 1 mile walk	Colorado River Trailhead			10 a.m.				10 a.m.
Children's Programs										
A Walk Backwards - Step back in time and experience life on a 1920s dude ranch–chores, games, period costumes. For children 6-12. Registration required at Kawuneeche V.C. Ends 8/12		2 hour activity	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area						9:45 a.m.	
Come Bug a Ranger - Learn fun facts about insects. Puppets, stories and activities for children 4-10 years old. Ends 8/10	E	1 hour activity	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area				10:30 a.m.			
Web Walkers - Explore a section of the Colorado River. Activities are designed for children 6-12 years old. Program runs 6/23 to 8/18	E	1 hour activity	Coyote Valley Trailhead		10 a.m.			10 a.m.		
Junior Ranger Program - Join a ranger for a short program and activities to earn your Junior Ranger badge. Everyday through 8/21 then Sat & Sun only.		1 hour program	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Talks & Activities										
Ranger's Flyfishing School - Learn about the park's fish management program, stream ecology, and flycasting. Bring your flyfishing gear or borrow the ranger's. Starts 6/27 and ends 8/13		3 hour activity	Timber Creek Campground amphitheater		8:30 a.m.					8:30 a.m.
Holzwarth Historic Site - Buildings are open 10:30 a.m4:30 p.m. daily. Discuss early settlement with staff. This is a great family activity!		Drop-in tour	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area						aily	
Skins and Things - Examine the skins, skulls, antlers, teeth and bones of many park mammals.	E	40 minutes	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
Exploring with a Camera - Join a ranger for a photography walk. Focus on composition, light, and basic tips to improve your pictures. Ends 8/4		1-1.5 hour activity	Timber Lake Trailhead					3 p.m.		
The Colorado: Secrets At The Source - This film tells the magnificent story of the Colorado River which flows through some of America's most dramatic high country and canyon country.	E	50 minutes	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Behind the Scenes - Join a ranger to view and discuss a series of short videos documenting how specialists at the park address challenges like elk management, pine beetles, and air quality. Starts 6/24	E	1 hour discussion	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	10:30 a.m.		10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		10:30 a.m.	
Sisters of Courage - Learn about the pioneer experience through the story of the remarkable Harbison sisters and their family. Includes a 1/2 mile walk to the homestead site.		2.5 hour activity	Kawuneeche Visitor Center flagpole		1 p.m.					

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Evening Programs	(5)	Length	Location	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Old Ranch Campfire Stories - Roasting marshmallows (bring 'em), tall tales (the old wrangler will tell 'em) and campfire songs bring back the old days. Dress warmly. Ends 8/12	E	2 hours, 1 mile walk	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area						7 p.m.	
Saturday Night in the Park - Enjoy an evening program in the auditorium. For topics, inquire at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center.	E	1 hour presentation	Kawuneeche Visitor Center auditorium							7 p.m.
Walk Into Twilight - Enjoy a leisurely stroll as darkness, night sounds and wildlife fill the valley. Bring warm clothes, good hiking shoes, and a flashlight. Ends 8/17		2 hour walk	Onahu Creek Trailhead	8 p.m.			8 p.m. 6/19 - 7/27 7:30 p.m. 7/31 - 8/17			
Timber Creek Evening Program - Presentation nightly at Timber Creek. Check at the campground or Kawuneeche Visitor Center for topics.	E	1 hour presentation	Timber Creek Campground amphitheater	9 p.m. 6/19 - 8/13 8:45 p.m. 8/14 - 9/5	6/19 - 8/13	9 p.m. 6/19 - 8/13 8:45 p.m. 8/14 - 9/5	9 p.m. 6/19 - 8/13 8:45 p.m. 8/14 - 9/5			
Celestial Wilderness - Explore the universe and the astronomy of Rocky's night sky. Meet at Harbison Meadow parking area. If overcast, meet at Kawuneeche Visitor Center for indoor presentation. Ends 8/11		1-1.5 hour activity	Harbison Meadow parking area					9:15 p.m. June 9:00 p.m. July 8:45 p.m. August		
Junior Ranger										

Hey, Kids! Come To The Junior Ranger Headquarters!

This summer, there is a place just for you – the Junior Ranger Headquarters located at Hidden Valley along Trail Ridge Road. Join a program and get started



or complete your Junior Ranger Book. The Rocky Junior Ranger programs are offered for kids ages 6 to 12, from June 19 – August 13, several times a day, 7 days a week! The activities are created and presented with a young person's level of learning and interest in mind. The programs are free. Parents and adults, please remember - you must be present for your children to participate.

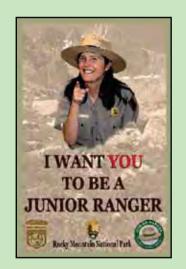
Headquarters is open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily.

Jr. Ranger Programs are at 10, 11:30, 1:00 & 2:30 daily.

Free Junior Ranger books are available at park visitor centers for children ages 12 and under. A successfully completed book earns

You are an important part of this park. Stay in touch. Contact us anytime at: romo_junior_ranger@nps.gov

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Campfire Ghost Stories: Living Western History Tales (all ages) June 23, 30; July 7, 14

Art Adventures for Kids (ages 6-9) Wednesdays: July 6, 13, 20, 27

Who Pooped in the Woods? A Mammal Mystery! July 21

Poet for a Day: Nature Poetry for Families July 16

Family Astronomy: To Infinity & Beyond August 5

Field Seminars for Adults

Summer Birding with a Naturalist June 29; July 6, 13, 20 Bear Facts & Lions Tales July 6 High, Cold & Magnificent: The Land of Tundra July 21 Advanced Digital Photography in RMNP July 22-24 Capturing Wildflowers in Watercolor July 29 Arapaho Names & Trails August 7

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